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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	) ·
Andreas M. ZEIHER et al.	) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Application No.: 10/534,985	) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: May 16, 2005	, )
For: SCD40L AND PLACENTAL GROWTH FACTOR (PLGF) USED AS A BIOCHEMICAL MARKER COMBINATION IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES	, ) ) ) )

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.